

Act. In view of the fact that a large number of writ petitions challenging the Bachawat award under the Working Journalists Act are pending in Supreme Court, it has been decided not to set up a new Wage Board for the Journalists for the present. No decision has so far been taken for amendment of the Working Journalists Act.

[Translation]

SCs/STs in BHEL, Bhopal

4472. SHRI MOHAN LAL JHIKRAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes among present officers/employees in the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Bhopal, category-wise;

(b) whether the number is as per the prescribed quota; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken to fill the reserved quota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) The category wise number of SC and ST employees in BHEL's plant at Bhopal is:

<i>Designation</i>	<i>Total Number</i>
1. Executives	165
2. Supervisors	171
3. Clerical Staff	195
4. Artisans	1313
5. Others	1388
TOTAL	3232

(b) No, Sir.

(c) For the last three years, out of the total sanctioned vacancies, 50% vacancies are being filled from candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Corruption Cases Against the IAS/IPS Officers in Rajasthan

4473. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of corruption registered against the IAS and IPS Officers in Rajasthan during the last three years,

(b) the number of officers against whom the departmental action has been taken and the year-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). The required information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

[English]

Performance of Fertilizer Units

4474. SHRI V. KRISHAN RAO:
SHRI C.P. MUDALA
GIRYAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether private fertilizer units are performing better than the public sector units;

(b) whether the Public Sector Units are not able to reach their installed capacity;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) For the period April, 1991 to February, 1992, the average capacity utilisation for the public and private sector nitrogenous fertilizer units was 68.2% and 108.1% respectively; for the phosphatic fertilizers it was 94.1% and 90.8% respectively.

(b) Except for the units of the two sick companies, namely Fertilizer Corporation of India and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation, the other units in the Public Sector are able to operate at reasonably high capacity utilisation, some even exceeding their installed capacity.

(c) The low capacity utilisation of the units of Fertilizer Corporation of India and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation is mainly due to design deficiencies, the ageing of the plants, power problems, equipment breakdowns, coal based technology being tried for the first time in the country, shortage of raw materials in the case of some units and labour problems.

(d) Some of the steps taken/being taken are:-

- (i) captive power plants have been set up in all the units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited and the Talcher unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India;
- (ii) assistance is being provided in arranging for essential inputs;
- (iii) Replacement/renewal of equipments,
- (iv) Constant monitoring by preventive and predictive maintenance;

(v) Training of operators and technicians.

Sick Public Sector Undertakings

4475. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to write off the accumulated losses of the sick public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, the details of the modalities finalised in this regard;

(c) the total amount likely to be required for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). As per amended Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, all sick industrial units in the public sector are to be referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). BIFR, after examination, may consider the question of writing off of the accumulated losses of such public sector enterprises.

Computer Training Institutes

4476. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA:
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA):
SHRI N.K. BALIYAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private sector computer training institutes which have been given accreditation for conducting computer courses in each State/Union Territory;

(b) whether the Government propose to